PTI, allies prepare for Quetta rally

• Party leaders say holding peaceful gatherings is a constitutional and democratic right • Accuse govt of suppressing political activity

By Saleem Shahid

TEHREEK-i-Tahafuz Ayeen-i-Pakistan leaders address a press conference.—PPI

QUETTA: Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) and Tehreek-i-Tahafuz Ayeen-i-Pakistan (TTAP) have announced a public meeting, under the banner of PTI Balochistan, on Nov 7 at the Quetta's Hockey Ground.

Speaking at a joint press conference on Monday, party leaders said that holding a peaceful public gathering is a constitutional, legal and democratic right, and they would not allow anyone to obstruct it.

They urged the people of Balochistan to attend the rally and play a leading role in defending the rule of law, restoring economic stability and ending terrorism. They said the aim of TTAP is to restore democracy in the country and end what they described as the "dictatorial, so-called Form-47 government."

PTI Balochistan President Dawood Shah Kakar, Pashtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP) Secretary General Abdul Rahim Zairatwal, Balochistan National Party's Agha Hassan Baloch, Majlis Wahdatul Muslimeen's Allama Wilayat Hussain Jafri, PTI provincial general secretary Jahangir Rand, and others spoke at the press conference.

Mr Kakar said PTI Balochistan had announced that the central leaders would attend the Quetta public meeting. He added that an application had been submitted to the district administration seeking permission to hold the peaceful rally, but the administration — acting on instructions from the provincial government, he claimed — refused, citing a law-and-order situation. He warned that the rally would be peaceful, and if the administration deliberately attempted to disrupt it, the responsibility for any resulting situation would rest with the authorities.

He criticised the "Form-47 government," saying it has failed to protect citizens' lives and property and that travel on national highways had become increasingly difficult.

Empowered local govts key to peace in Balochistan: BAP

By Our Staff Correspondent

QUETTA: The Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) founder, Senator Saeed Ahmed Hashmi, has emphasised that establishing empowered and organised local governments is essential for ensuring sustainable peace and addressing public issues in Balochistan.

Speaking to the media here on Monday, Senator Hashmi said that the provincial government must realise that having 37 local governments working together, instead of a single centralised authority, would significantly improve governance, service delivery, and law and order across the province.

He called for the implementation of a strong local government system in accordance with Articles 32 and 140A of the Constitution of Pakistan.

Senator Hashmi appreciated the efforts of federal and provincial representatives who have recognised that democracy offers the most effective means of resolving people's long-standing issues. However, he stressed that a complete democratic structure is only possible when functional and empowered local governments are established at the grassroots level. Citing international examples, Senator Hashmi said that over the past 200 years, the success of both parliamentary and presidential systems around the world has depended on the strength of local governance institutions. He pointed to major cities such as New York, London, and Rome, where local governments effectively resolve citizens' issues at their doorstep.

He further stated that establishing strong and active local governments in all 37 districts of Balochistan would reduce the administrative burden on the provincial capital and improve service delivery.

"Setting up 37 functioning governments will ease the pressure on the single administration centered on Zarghoon Road and empower elected representatives to transfer authority back to their own people," he remarked.

He concluded that the province cannot afford new experiments at this stage. Instead, he urged policymakers to build upon successful governance models from the past to address public grievances and enhance peace and stability in the region.

PML-N Charsadda leader dies after falling from mountain

CHARSADDA: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz, Charsadda chapter senior vice-president Babar Khan Umerzai died after falling into a 300-foot-deep ditch near Nathiagali, Abbottabad, on Monday.

Officials confirmed that the accident happened when his foot suddenly slipped while he was on a mountain. He was laid to rest in his native Umerzai village here later in the day. Babar Khan was going to Galiyat with his friends for sightseeing.

Babar Khan's body was initially shifted to rural health centre in Nathiagali, and later sent to the District Headquarters Hospital, Abbottabad, where necessary procedures were completed.

It should be noted that Babar Khan is the son of the party's provincial leader Tahir Khan. He was planning to contest from PK-63 constituency here in the coming elections.— Correspondent

29 Afghan nationals arrested for trying to illegally cross into Iran

GWADAR: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and police, in two separate operations, have arrested 50 people, including 29 Afghan citizens and their families, and foiled their attempt to illegally travel to Iran via the sea route from Jiwani.

Turbat police foiled an attempt by Afghan citizens to enter Iran illegally and arrested 29 Afghans, including women and children, near Turbat.

SSP Kech Zohaib Mohsin said that police intercepted two vehicles at a check point and took 29 Afghan citizens into custody. During investigation, it was revealed that these Afghan nationals were attempting to go to Iran without travel documents, intending to reach European countries via Iran and Turkey.

The Afghan nationals, handed over to the FIA for further investigation, included 12 males, 13 children and four women. Police also arrested the drivers of two vehicles who were allegedly involved in human smuggling.

Meanwhile, officials said that the FIA Composite Circle, Gwadar, carried out an operation in Jiwani area on Monday and apprehended 21 people who were attempting to enter Iran illegally by boat.

They said that among the arrested individuals, six were residents of Gujranwala, two from Mandi Bahauddin, two from Hafizabad, two from Nankana Sahib, three from Nowshera, while the remaining six belonged to Toba Tek Singh, Sialkot, Bajar, Chakwal, Gujrat, and Sheikhupura.—Behram Baloch

Three terrorists killed in KP

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Three terrorists were killed in two different engagements with security forces, the military's media wing said.

A statement issued by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) on Monday said that the previous day, security forces had picked up the movement of a group of militants, opposite Esham area of North Waziristan district.

The militants were trying to infiltrate into Pakistan from across the border with Afghanistan, but the troops effectively engaged them, killing two militants belonging to Fitna al Khwarij - a term used by the state for the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

ISPR said that one of the terrorists was identified as Qasim, an Afghan national who was actively serving in the country's border police.

In another intelligence-based operation in Tank district, security forces neutralised another militant who was identified as Ikramuddin alias Abu Dajana, also an Afghan national.

"These incidents reveal continued involvement of Afghan nationals in numerous terrorist activities against innocent civilians and security forces inside Pakistan," the ISPR statement said.

It said that Pakistan has repeatedly been asking interim Afghan government to ensure effective border management on its side of the border and fulfil its obligations, deny the use of Afghan soil by militants and involvement of its citizens in terrorism inside Pakistan.

Pakistan, Turkiye to boost trade ties

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Turkiye have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the existing partnership and exploring new avenues for collaboration in trade, investment, and industrial development, reflecting the close and brotherly relations between the two countries.

The affirmation emerged during a meeting between Commerce Minister Jam Kamal Khan and Turkiye's Minister of Trade, Prof Dr Omer Bolat, in Istanbul on Monday on the sidelines of the 41st session of OIC's Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation. During the meeting, both ministers discussed avenues to further strengthen trade and economic cooperation between the two brotherly nations.

The Turkish trade minister expressed his government's strong desire to enhance trade ties and expand bilateral economic engagement with Pakistan. He assured that Turkiye would review Pakistan's proposals favorably during the upcoming round of trade negotiations.

Mr Khan briefed his Turkish counterpart on the reforms and measures being undertaken by the government to ensure efficiency, transparency, and enhance investor confidence in system. He said Pakistan was emerging as a promising destination for Turkish investment in multiple sectors.

Dr Bolat later extended an invitation to Minister Jam Kamal Khan to attend the upcoming 'Halal Expo' being held in Istanbul from Nov 25, underscoring the importance of deepening cooperation in the halal trade and related industries.—Amin Ahmed

Talk of 27th Amendment out in the open

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Article 243, which pertains to the command of the armed forces.

The PPP chairman added that the draft also envisaged returning the subjects of education and population planning to the federation and ending the deadlock over appointments to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). He said the PPP's CEC would meet after President Zardari's return from Doha to decide the party's policy.

When contacted, a senior PPP leader said Mr Bhutto-Zardari had "reservations" about the proposed amendment, which was why he had called the CEC meeting. "If he had no objections, he would have given a green signal to the prime minister right away," the leader said.

Political observers believe the PPP may initially resist the amendment but could eventually agree on the basis of political give and take — possibly including PML-N's support for the formation of a new government in Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

Government's view

At a public event on Monday, Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal said that constitutional amendments required consensus. "As a two-thirds majority is necessary, political parties must sit together," he said, referring to the prime minister's recent meeting with the PPP leadership.

PM's aide Rana Sanaullah revealed that the government had been consulting its coalition partners on the proposed 27th amendment for the past three to four months.

However, he maintained that the government had not yet shared the draft amendment with the PPP or other partners.

Responding to a question, he ruled out the possibility of its immediate passage, saying the government would hold detailed consultations with all stakeholders before tabling it in parliament.

When asked about the timeframe for introducing the 27th amendment, Mr Sanaullah said the government intended to prepare a draft that could be acceptable to all.

Regarding the proposed formation of a constitutional court — expected to be part of the amendment — he said it was the government's firm stance that such a court was necessary for the country.

PTI opposes move

Commenting on the reports, PTI Central Information Secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram said his party would resist the proposed 27th amendment "tooth and nail", asserting that the "regime lacked the legal, political, and moral authority to alter the Constitution".

In the words of PTI leader Senator Ali Zafar, the PPP chairman had disclosed his meeting with the prime minister on social media merely to gauge public sentiment about the proposed amendment.

He claimed that although Mr Bhutto-Zardari had called a meeting of the PPP's Central Executive Committee, he would eventually agree to the proposed amendment.

Two-thirds majority?

A constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds majority in both houses. In the 336-member National Assembly, the ruling coalition has 233 members, while the opposition holds 103. Within the coalition, the PML-N has 125 seats, PPP 74, MQM 22, PML-Q five, Istehkam-i-Pakistan Party four, and PML-Z, Balochistan Awami Party, and National Peoples Party one seat each.

In the Senate, which comprises 96 members, the ruling coalition does not enjoy the two-thirds majority of 64 senators required to pass a constitutional amendment. With 61 senators, the coalition would need at least three votes from the opposition to ensure its passage. In such situations, the government usually turns to the JUI-F to seek its support.

Ikram Junaidi also contributed to this report

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With profound sorrow, we announce the passing away of

MRS. KAUSAR MAQSOOD KHAN LEGHARI

Wife of late Sardar Maqsood Khan Leghari

MAY ALLAH REST HER SOUL IN PEACE

Please join the family in reciting Sura-e-Fateha for the deceased and pray for the blessings of the Almighty for the departed soul.

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She will be laid to rest at the **Bagh-e-Rehmat Graveyard.**

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Sardar Hussain Khan Leghari — Khadijah Leghari
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In pursuance of Section 15 of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001, The Bank of Punjab ("BOP"), having its Head Office at BOP Tower, Main Boulevard, Gulberg-III, Lahore and a Branch Office at Nusrat Road, City Centre, Multan Cantt, Multan, offers the auction of the below mentioned mortgaged properties.

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Rupees: Thirty one million, nine hundred fourteen thousand thirty five rupees only.

"**Note:** Auction Expenses and Cost of Funds till date of adjustment of the account will be included later On".

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTIES AND RESERVE PRICE: (In PKR Million)

Property Description	Reserve Price/Forced Sale Value	Date & Place of Auction (DD-MM-YYYY)
1. Property in the form of a Residential house measuring 13-Marlas situated at E-I, bearing Khewat No. 642/636 Khatooni No. 1010 Mouza Neel Kot, near Jalal Masjid Chowk, Gulgasht Colony, Multan.	23.693 Million	20-11-2025 Place: At Site Time: 2:30 PM
2. Property in form of a Residential house measuring 10-Marlas situated at E-I, bearing Khewat No. 642/636 Khatooni No. 1010 Mouza Neel Kot, near Jalal Masjid Chowk, Gulgasht Colony, Multan.	17.556 Million	
3. Property in the form of a residential house measuring 20-Marlas bearing Khewat No. 176/162, Khatooni No. 560 situated at Mouza Dorana Langana, Al-Falah Modern City, Multan Public School Road, Tehsil and District Multan.	16.037 Million	21-11-2025 Place: At Site Time: 2:30 PM

*Properties: Reserve Price of above properties is based on the valuation determined by M/s Medallion Services Pvt. Ltd. (being the highest in value amongst the three independent valuations).

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